Sector had an outlay of 23 percent in the First Five Year Plan and the amount was reduced to 15 percent during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what were the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

474. *[Transferred to 3rd March, 1993]*

**Cut in the Funds for the Rural Development Programme**

475. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that amount of Rs. 500 crores for current year's rural development programme is still to be released by the Ministry of Finance;

(b) whether with holding of the above said amount violates the Prime Minister's commitment at the NDC meeting held recently;

(c) what are the various rural development projects likely to be affected most by the cut in the funds;

(d) whether it is also a fact that amount of Rs. 3360 crore rupees was allocated for the on-going development schemes under the rural development programme in the country during the financial year 1992-93; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) The entire amount of Rs. 3100 crores in the Budget Estimate for the year 1992-93 has been made available to the Ministry of Rural Development.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

(d) No. The amount allocated for the programmes under the Ministry of Rural Development for the year 1992-93 is Rs. 3100 crores.

(e) Scheme-wise allocation of the above amount is given in the attached statement.

**Statement**

(Rs. in crores)

| Sl. No. | Name of the Scheme | Outlay 1992-93 |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rural Water Supply Programme | 460.00 |
| 2. | Rural Sanitation | 20.00 |
| 3. | Integrated Rural Dev. Programme | 390.20 |
| 4. | Dev. of Women & Children in Rural Areas | 13.00 |
| 5. | Training of Rural Youth for Self-Emplyment | 8.00 |
| 6. | Jawahar Rozgar Yojana | 2046.00 |
| 7. | Drought Prone Areas Prog. | 51.26 |
| 8. | Desert Development Programme | 50.00 |
| 9. | Grants to Natonal Institute for Rural Development | 2.00 |
| 10. | Strengthening of State Training Centres | 1.50 |
| 11. | Assistance to Council for Advancement People's Action and Rural Technology. | 5.00 |
| 12. | Organisation of Training Courses Seminars and Workshops | 0.25 |
| 13. | Strengthening of Extension Training Centres | 1.00 |
| 14. | Assistance to Assigness of Ceiling Surplus Land | 0.01 |
| 15. | Grants-in-aid to Institute for Agrarian Studies | 5.00 |
| 16. | Strengthening of Revenue Machinery and Updating of Land Record | 19.99 |
| 17. | National Commission on Revitalisation of Revenue Admn. | 0.01 |
| 18. | Organisation of Rural Poor | 0.01 |
| 19. | Communication Cell | 0.25 |
| 20. | Promotion of Voluntary Scheme | 5.00 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 21. | Organisation of Beneficiaries | 1.00 |
| 22. | Panchayat Development and Training | 1.00 |
| 23. | Roads in Special Problem Areas | 2.00 |
| 24. | Rural Godowns | 0.01 |
| 25. | Development of Rural Markets | 0.01 |
| 26. | Centre for Agril. Marketing | 4.00 |
| 27. | Estt. Expenditure of Directorate of Marketing & Inspection | 3.00 |
| 28. | Building for Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organisation. | 0.50 |
| 29. | Rural Housing | 10.00 |
| | TOTAL | 3100.00 |

**Low Priority to the Rural Development Scheme**

476. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem published in the "Economic Times" dated the 22nd December, 1992 under the caption "wrong priorities";

(b) if so, whether low priority is likely to be given to the rural development schemes during the financial year 1993-94 as compared to the previous years; and

(c) if not, what is the factual position in this regard?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Budget estimates for 1993-94 have not been presented in Lok Sabha.

**Reclamation of Wastelands**

477. SHRI RAMCHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are Government's plan for wasteland development and reclamation of wasteland in the country.

(b) the details of the areas identified for wasteland development; and

(c) the agencies through which such projects are proposed to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAM SINGH): (a) the reconstituted National Wastelands Development Board (NWDB) under the newly created Department of Wastelands Development has adopted a board strategy for sustainable development of non-forest wastelands aimed at checking land degradation, putting such lands to sustainable use and increasing biomass production especially of fuelwood and fodder.

The following schemes have been proposed for implementation during the remaining part of the Eighth Five Year Plan:

1. Integrated Wastelands Development Project Scheme.

2. Investment Promotional Scheme.

3. Technology Development and Extension Scheme.

4. Support to Non-Government Organisations for Wastelands Development.

5. Scheme for Promotional and Critical Support services.

6. Wastelands Development Task Force.